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The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 1894.

FOREIGNERS IN CHINA.

ARE THEY IN DANGER?

Owing to the war with Japan it is
undoubtedly the Chinese throughout the
Celestial Empire are in a state of great
excitement which might at any moment, and
especially in Hunan and two or three of the
northern Provinces, break out into dan-
gerous anti-foreigner risings. Considering
the traditional inherent prejudices of the
Chinese against foreigners, engendered
and firmly riveted by many centuries of
superstitious ignorance, this state of
affairs should cause little surprise, but
ought to rather be expected as a natural
consequence, recognised as a probability,
and dealt with accordingly. Indulging in
rabid rant against the Chinese officials,
as some missionary correspondents of
Shanghai newspapers have lately been
doing—and their pernicious example has
been strongly accentuated by at least one
of our contemporaries in that Settlement—
can only increase the danger by
exciting to hatred feelings which it is alike
our duty and our policy to conciliate by
unfailing courtesy and a firm, fearless

THE TYPHOON.

The Acting Director of the Observatory
in his weather forecast to-day states:—"On the
5th at 2 p.m., there appears to be a depression
to the east of Luzon. On the 6th at 11 a.m.,
the barometer continues to fall at Bollaio. On
the south coast, barometer steady with fresh
north-east winds and fair weather."

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The trouble with the blessing in disguise is that
we can't see it.

Mr. J. J. Keenick arrived this morning from
Shanghai and the North, in the Indo-China Co.'s
steamer *Canton*.

DOUGLAS Castle, which we need hardly remind
our readers is situated at Pok-fu-lam, is currently
reported to have been sold to the Spanish
Government.

"Why, Jennie, you married, of all girls?"
"Yes, my dear. It is these frocks that look
over the shoulders. I couldn't do it myself, and
I couldn't afford a maid."

We are informed by the Agents of the Austrian
Line S. N. Co. that the Company's steamer
Maria Valeria left Kobe for this port, via
Shimonoseki, yesterday morning.

The dead body of a sampan-man was discovered
this morning on the beach at Stone-cutters'
Island. It is supposed he died of the plague and
was thrown overboard by his relatives.

The new station of the Peak Tramway at St.
John's Place, which has been in course of erec-
tion for months past, is now *un fail accompli*,
and in every way a decided improvement on
the old building.

NEWS was received in Shanghai on the 30th
ultimo, of the death, at Socorro, New Mexico, of
the Rev. W. J. McKee, of the American Presby-
terian Mission, Ningpo, who leaves a widow and
three young children to lament his loss.

ANDREW CARNEGIE, in an interview in the
Engineering Review, is quoted as saying that he
does not think the United States requires protec-
tion now, which he claims, is of little use for
revenue purposes, as manufactured imports have
fallen so low.

We hear that the laying down of water-pipes at
Kowloon is nearly finished, and that within three
months from now a constant supply of water from
the reservoir at Yau-ma-tei will be available—a
necessity that the residents have for a long time
been badly in want of.

"MY SON," said the eminent financier, "you
might as well understand at the start that you
cannot have your cake and eat it at the same
time." "But, dad," asked the young one, "what's
the matter with keeping my own cake and eatin'
the other fellow's?"

The trial of Mr. S. R. Robb, a newspaper
correspondent, charged by the Canadian Pacific
Railway Company with sending out false news,
or a tale calculated to injure the public interests,
resulted at Vancouver, B.C., the other week, in
the honourable acquittal of the accused.

The *Boston Herald* says this is a good time
for American missionaries to get out of China as
—and we commend our contemporary's sensible
reason to the best consideration of the entire
missionary body—"there's a good deal of
savagery there in war time, and it is no respecter
of persons."

ACCORDING to Victorio, B.C., news the capitalists'
prospects are very good for building the British
Pacific Railway, which is intended to run from
Victoria up Vancouver Island, thence across the
mainland and through British territory to Win-
nipeg. The proposed line will be about 200 miles
north of the Canadian Pacific.

YVETTE Guilbert, the renowned singer of French
lied songs, who was lately 'storming' London,
makes £1,500 a month. She is the champion
woman of Paris, and is described as being
svelte and ugly, flat-chested and hipless, with
a low, coarse voice and hair dyed champagne-
yellow. They run in all shapes.

At the instance of Viceroy Li Hung-chang an
Imperial decree has been issued, ordering that
Generals Yeh and thirty-three civil and military
officers be specially rewarded for their gallantry
in breaking through the Japanese lines at A-San,
and that the families of the soldiers who fell in
that engagement be liberally dealt with.

FOR surreptitiously obtaining a free passage
from Swatow to Hongkong on board the Indo-
China Co.'s steamer *Taiyang*, a Chinese stow-
away, who stated that he had "never seen a ship
before, and will not board 'till the 28 days
by the Magistrate at the Police Court this
forenoon."

Will the *China Mail* and *Daily News* kindly
note that Major-General Barker will not dis-
tribute certificates recently won by members of
the St. John's Ambulance Corps at a parade at
the Central Police Station to-morrow afternoon,
as stated by them in their last issues. The
distribution referred to is fixed for to-morrow
week, the 14th instant.

THE "Odd Volumes" are to discuss the China
Japan war to-morrow night at 9.15 at the Mount
Austin Hotel, Dr. Cantlie in the chair. As the
heat of debate will be tempered by the Peak
breezes, there is sure to be a big attendance.
The "social features" in the shape of smokes
and drinks are, we learn, to be much in evidence,
and a rattling good discussion, lubricated as
aforesaid, is likely to take place. Roll up, ye
Job Lots, in your thousands to the pleasant
rendezvous.

VICE-ADMIRAL the Hon. Sir E. R. Fremantle,
G.C.B., who is in command on the China Station,
and is now cruising off Korea, comes of a distin-
guished naval family. His grandfather, Vice-
Admiral Sir Thomas Fremantle, G.C.B., was
one of Nelson's commanders at Copenhagen and
Trafalgar, and one of the most famous naval
officers of the time. His uncle, Admiral Sir
Charles Fremantle, G.C.B., distinguished him-
self in the Crimean War, and the late Vice-
Admiral has been plenty of active service in the
Burmese War of 1825, and in the Antarctic
Campaign of 1842. Admiral Fremantle was
born in 1816, and entered the Navy as a boy of
11. His father is now retired from the service,
and he is the possessor of the Victoria Cross
and gold medals of the Royal Humane Society.

A CHINAMAN who was charged before Mr.
Wodehouse at the Police Court this morning with
entering College Gardens, the residence of Dr.
Ellet, Inspector of Schools, at 6 o'clock this
morning, and annexing a barometer, worth
twenty dollars, was sentenced to six months'
imprisonment.

G. F. WATTS, the famous painter, has been
attacking in unmeasured language what he con-
sidered the ridiculous imitation of insect form by
women. He condemns, as all artists do, the
lengthened waist, which has the effect of shorten-
ing the lower limbs and altering Nature's
beautiful proportions.

The death is reported, at his home in New York
on June 29th, of Mr. Charles Bernard, who came
out to China about thirty years ago as chief
engineer, and was well-known on the China
coast as 'chief' in the China Merchants' Co.
Mr. Bernard went home for good some three
years ago. He died of heart disease.

The report of the Royal Commission on Optom-
etry will be presented to Parliament in November
next. The cause of the delay in the completion
of the report is attributable to the fact of
"numerous important communications from
China and the Straits Settlement, which had to
be put in with the rest of the proceedings,
reaching London after the Commission returned
from India."

THE paddle steamer *La Marguerite*, to ply
between London and Boulogne, calling at Mar-
gate, made her trial trip on the Clyde recently.
She attained a speed of 21 knots per hour, equal
to 24 1/2 land miles. Her engines developed 7,500
horse-power. She will carry 200 passengers in
the cabin and 4,000 in the river traffic.
Her gross tonnage is 2,000. She was built by the
Fairfield Shipbuilding Company for the London
Palace Steamers Company, and is the largest
passenger steamer in England.

An English magistrate, at Chester, has estab-
lished a valuable precedent by binding over an
elderly splinter in the sum of £10 not to slog
the lady any more. According to the evidence,
the lady had a high, grating voice, and never
by chance struck the right tone, and moreover
she was generally two or three notes in excess.
When she sang, the choir had to stop to laugh,
and then the splinter boomed along by herself,
and utterly demoralised the organist. The most
vigorous remonstrances couldn't induce her to
leave off singing, so she was brought before the
magistrate at the police-court with the above-
mentioned result.

The following late telegrams, dated London,
August 31st, were omitted from our last night's
issue:—
The Canadian Government are reviewing alterna-
tive tenders for seven different routes for the
Pacific cable.

In the race for her Majesty's Cup at Cowes,
the Prince of Wales' yacht *Britannia* finished
first, with *Carina* second, and the German
Empress's *Meteor* third; but the *Britannia* was
disqualified on account of her premature start.

The Emperor William sailed his own yacht,
which was the *Prinzess Alice*, at the trial of a
number of prominent anarchists in Paris showing
that a group of anarchists in London planned
murder and robberies on the Continent, and the
proceeds of the robberies were devoted to the
anarchist movement.

A daring attempt to blow up the Royal Palace
at Brussels with dynamite was frustrated by a
sentinel detecting the men depositing the
apparatus in one of the terraces. The affair has
caused a sensation.

THE Vancouver *Weekly World* of the 2nd ulto.
publishes the following final notice to delinquent
subscribers:—"The sums due by subscribers
who are in arrears to *The Weekly World*,
after the 20th of August, 1894, are to be
placed in the hands of the publishers' solicitors
for collection. Ample time and opportunity
have been afforded everyone owing us to pay
up, and now that we are compelled to resort to
this expedient in insisting upon the payment
of that which we have earned, we are to
enable us to pay our just and honest debts,
subscribers, we trust, will not take offence
at our course. Repeated calls have been made by
us upon delinquents, with but little effect, and
as the sums due in the aggregate foot up to a large
amount the course now stated has been decided
upon. The making out of accounts, mailing,
etc., cost a large amount of money each week.
Changes are to be made shortly in the interests
of patrons, and capital must be forthcoming to
whereof to carry these out. They will be to
the advantage of four patrons, whose co-operation
we sincerely solicit in the undertaking."

ACCORDING to latest accounts from Japan the
treaty between that country and Great
Britain, which was ratified at the Foreign Office
in Tokyo on August 2nd, between Mr. Mutsu,
Japanese Minister for Foreign Affairs, and the
Hon. Mr. Le Poer Trench, the recently arrived
British Minister who was attended by Mr.
Paget, Secretary of Legation, Mr. Ito, Chief
Secretary of the Japanese Cabinet, was also
present. Immediately after the exchange of
Mr. Mutsu proceeded to the Imperial
Palace and reported to the Emperor.
The treaty has been published in the
Asahi, but its chief features are given
by some of the Tokyo papers. It is said
to contain twenty-three articles, is to run for
twelve years after ratification, and goes into
effect after five years on notice from the Japa-
nese Government. Extraterritorial jurisdiction and
the Settlement system will be abolished, but no
alterations are made as to ownership of land,
which will remain in Japanese hands, complete
control. The tariff is stated by one paper, the
Manashiki, at 25 per cent. *ad valorem* at the
highest, and 13 per cent. on an average; and the
Orasi Shimbun says the Customs duties have
been fixed at from 5 to 10 per cent.

SAVING the *New York Herald*:—"Let Korea be
led through Japanese tutelage into a develop-
ment that will bring her people into touch with our
civilization and commerce. To permit the Hermit
Kingdom to become a vessel of China would be
a crime." That may be all right from an
American point of view, but Uncle Sam,
even with the able assistance of Mr. James
Gordon Bennett and the *New York Herald*,
doesn't yet quite boom the universe; and
besides, the question of Korea becoming a
vassal of China, more than she normally has
been for centuries, is outside practical politics.
Russia has already intimated that she will not
permit that, is of course, as far as the great
Muscovite nation is able to oppose—any foreign
occupation of the Land of Morning Calm; and
although Great Britain has not spoken, she has
acted and is in a position to prevent, by force
if necessary, any infringement of British
political rights. Interference with British
commercial interests in every part of the Far
East. As we probably know a great deal more
than the *New York Herald* about Korea, its
political position, its necessities, and its relations
as regards other countries our words bear a
good deal of manner when we say that nothing
possibly more detrimental to Korea's welfare
could happen than total vassalage to China.
The *Yokohama Specie Bank* has been
sitting in the Japanese village with Russia and
the United States holding the leading strings.

THE SANITARY BOARD.

A meeting of the Sanitary Board was held
this afternoon. Mr. F. H. May (Captain
Superintendent of Police) presided, and there
were also present Mr. W. Chatham (Acting
Director of Public Works), Dr. James, Dr. Ho
Kai, Dr. Hartigan, Mr. R. K. Leigh, Mr. J. J.
Ladd, Q.C., and Mr. C. V. Ladd (Colonial
Veterinary Surgeon), Acting Secretary.

MINUTES.

The minutes of the last meeting were read
and confirmed.

ANOTHER OFFICIAL ABSENTEE.

It was announced by the Chairman that as
Mr. Ram had been granted leave to go away for
a trip for his health, Mr. Ladd had consented
to perform the Acting Secretary's duties during
his absence.

MR. STEPHENS' URINAL.

The following letter from Mr. Matthew J. D.
Stephens was read:—

Hongkong, 18th Aug., 1894.
Sir,—I beg to apply for a consent to fix an
earthenware glazed urinal for the use of the
Chinese servants in this house.

I propose that it be fixed in a corner of the
open yard, and that water be allowed to pass
through it.

At present there is no proper convenience.
I trust you will be enabled to grant the applica-
tion.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

MATTHEW J. D. STEPHENS.
W. Chatham, Esquire, Acting Director of Public
Works.

The following memos were attached:—
"To the Sanitary Surveyor
"Please make a recommendation for the
information of the Board.

E. A. R."

September 1st, 1894.

"The Secretary.
"Recommendations on the following conditions:—

(1) That the drain to which it is proposed to
connect, and all drains in any way connected
with it, be found or be placed in thorough
sanitary order, as defined in the provisions of the
Public Health Ordinance, and to the satisfaction
of the Board.

(2) That it be fitted with an automatic flush-
ing cistern regulated to discharge 15 gallons at
each flush.

J. R. C."

September 1st, 1894.

Surgeon-Major James—Recommended
provided it be connected with new system, as it
would be objectionable in my opinion to add any
foul connection to old sewers.

Mr. J. J. Francis—The Sanitary Surveyor has
reported (see back of explanation). Mr. Stephens
had better be asked, before anything further is
said or done, if he agrees to Mr. Crook's condi-
tions. I would not.

Mr. Chatham—The conditions proposed by
the Sanitary Surveyor should be adhered to.

Some discussion followed as to the upshot being
that Mr. Francis' motion, "that permission be
granted on condition that the drain with which
the urinal will connect be connected with the
separate system, and that such work be done to
satisfaction of the Sanitary Surveyor," was
carried *nam con*.

THE BUSINESS OF THE BOARD.

Mr. Francis moved—"That pending further
motion, the meetings of the Board be held once
a week instead of once a fortnight as heretofore."
Dr. Hartigan seconded, and it was carried
unanimously.

(Left proceeding.)

THE PLAGUE IN HONGKONG.

The latest official returns are as follow:—
From noon yesterday until noon to-day:—

Admissions,None.
Deaths,One.
Discharges,None.
Under Treatment,Ten.

Deaths from the outbreak (9th May) up to
September 5th, noon, 2,488; grand total, 2,489.

THE WAR.

THE FIGHTING ON THE TATUNG RIVER
AND AT PORT ARTHUR.

(Special to *The China Gazette*.)

THE FIGHTING ON THE TATUNG RIVER
AND AT PORT ARTHUR.

The *Koloso-kul* men are beginning to show
unmistakable signs of activity here, and the
officials are greatly alarmed.

I have it from an authoritative quarter that in
the recent fighting on the Tatung River the
Chinese lost 1,300 men and 700 Japanese were
killed and wounded.

Chinese soldiers have been badly treated by
Koreans when foraging for food.

Attack by the Japanese on Lu Shun-kao (Port
Arthur) is expected hourly from the land side.
Authorities there vainly wiring for assistance
from the fleet.

Today (August 31st) news was received in
Shanghai that the Japanese had attacked Port
Arthur yesterday morning. The telegram came,
of course, over the Chinese wires and would not
have been allowed to pass if anything serious
had occurred; opinion amongst well informed
people here is that it was only a preliminary
skirmish or a feat like that at Wei-hai-wei
recently, but we know now where the Japanese
are and where they have landed—namely, in
the neighbourhood of the Regent's Sword.

News of a desperate engagement is expected.

When the *Linsang* was passing Wei-hai-wei
on Wednesday evening, August 29th, a small
steamer, whose name could not be made out,
was seen going into the harbour. She was very
gaily decked with flags, and the noise of gongs
and trumpets was plainly borne across the
water to the *Linsang*. The Chinese fleet left
Wei-hai-wei on Wednesday morning presumably
for Port Arthur in response to an urgent telegram
sent from that place for assistance.

The British squadron are still at Chefoo,
at least when the *Linsang* was there, the
Undaunted and *Redoubt* were in harbour and
the other ships were manoeuvring at some
distance outside. It was expected every moment
that the *Redoubt* would be sent away to meet
the movements of the hostile fleet, as a naval
battle was hourly looked for. Admiral Fremantle
is reported to be suffering very much from
cough, which is very severe in Chefoo, and the
steward of the flagship was offering as much as
\$5 a piece for it. The *Linsang*, *Lion* and *Wolf*
remained at Tientsin, and it is expected that the
Invincible will arrive at Chefoo to-day from
Chempoo.

THE SITUATION IN KOREA.

The *Japan Mail* of the 24th August writes:—
Correspondence published by the *Nichi Nichi*
Shimbun from its special correspondent, who is
now with the van of the Japanese army, confirms
our general view of the situation in Korea, as
stated in these columns on the 23rd instant. We
there expressed the opinion that a decisive
engagement was unlikely to take place before
the 30th or 31st instant, our reasons being that
the Japanese army could scarcely have done

